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INDUSTRIAL WAGES, WAGE-EARNERS, EMPLOYERS, BY COUNTIES IN FISCAL 1952

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Increase of $26,000,000 in Wages Paid Under Insured Employment by Montana Commerce and Industry During Latest Fiscal Year

Montana wage-earners in covered employment received nearly $26,000,000, or 8.3 percent, more in salaries and wages during fiscal 1952, ending last June 30, than in the twelve month period ending June 30, 1951. At the same time the average number of persons in jobs within the industries tabulated remained fairly constant with respect to the two year-periods, revealing a net increase of 73 wage recipients. The number of employers operating within these classifications actually dwindled by 122, out of a total of 14,000.

Figures for Individual Counties by Major Industry

Figures on covered employment, for each of the 56 counties in the state and for a large statewide group of employers whose operations are not assignable to any single county or group of counties, are given in this folder as part of an annual series of employment and wage statistics for the state. This segment of the economy of any county is thereby presented for study and use in circles of trade and industrial development, education, research, and for promotion and information purposes.

Relates to Those Subject to Unemployment Insurance Laws

The data given here applies only to the enterprises and wages in commerce and industry which are subject to the state's laws on unemployment compensation. They exclude the substantial elements of agricultural employment, railroad wages, governmental services in local, state and national fields, domestic employment, self employment, and wage items paid by charitable and religious institutions of non-profit character. The compilation is made from reports, by employers on covered wages and employment, to the Commission administering the laws on unemployment insurance.

All Major Industrial Groups Listed

Employers included in the covered category are those in seven major industrial groups: mining, contract construction, manufacturing, transportation and utilities, wholesale and retail trade, finance and insurance, service industries and miscellaneous. A listing of the subdivisions of these seven industries is made a part of the report. The transportation group omits interstate railroads, while major divisions of government and agricultural employment are absent because they are not covered in the compensation law.

Comparisons with Preceding Fiscal Years

State total figures for the two preceding fiscal years, and for the calendar year 1946 are also presented for purposes of comparison. Growth of 21 percent in the number of wage earners is shown for the six year interval, while wage totals have gone up in the same period by more than 95 percent. Most of the increase in total wages has resulted from higher wage rates, though part of the gain is attributable to a longer work week in certain industries and part to the factor of more steady employment for those on the payrolls.

All Counties Share in "Statewide" Item

The total payroll of any particular county as shown in this report is subject to some minor factual increase by reason of the item of "statewide" employment. This consists, as already mentioned, of employers whose operations belong in no particular county, or in many different counties. No means is at hand for allocating these payrolls to a given county, but approximation might be obtained by making such distribution on a percentage basis, determined by the relationship between the county's reported wage statistics and those of the state as a whole. Most of the statewide employers are engaged either in transportation and utilities or in retail and wholesale trade.

Greater Wage Totals in Every Industry

Gains in wage totals are shown in each of the major industries for 1952 over 1951, ranging from nearly $6,000,000 in trade to nearly $1,500,000 in finance, real estate and insurance. Mining and manufacturing each increased wage totals by more than $5,000,000, transportation was up $3,000,000, while service industries and contract construction each boosted their 1951 wage totals by more than $2,000,000. Number of wage earners employed also increased in all industries except contract construction, where a decline developed as the housing construction surge and the flush employment in heavy construction dwindled to more normal proportions. The heaviest numerical gain was in transportation and utilities with 481, in service industries with 396, finance, etc., with 283, and trade and mining virtually unchanged.

Trade Employment Leads, Manufacturing Second

Extent of employment, and amount of wages paid by the several major industries, are important factors in determining the economy of the state, and of the individual counties concerned. Wholesale and retail trade leads in number of employees and in total of wages, with manufacturing industries second in both respects. Service industries are third in number of employees, fifth in amount of wages; mining is fourth in number of workers, third in wage total; contract construction employed at fifth rank but its wage total ranked fourth; transportation and utilities took sixth rank in both; finance, real estate and insurance is the smallest employer and its wage volume is also smallest of the major industries.

Mining Wage Averages Highest

In average annual pay per employee the mining industry leads the way with $4,425; followed by contract construction with $4,392; manufacturing, $3,815; transportation and utilities, $3,424; finance section with $2,841; wholesale and retail trade, $2,823; and service industries, $2,203.

Nine Counties Exceed State Average

Average annual wage per employee in the state figures at $3,287. Nine counties show an average higher than that of the entire state, led by Deer Lodge with $4,013; Flathead, $3,775; Silver Bow, $3,770; Lincoln, $3,728; Sanders, $3,682; Cascade, $3,450; Yellowstone, $3,399; Lewis and Clark, $3,289; and Pondera, $3,287. The statewide listing of employment falls in the same group with an average of $3,360.

Others Ranking Above $2,500

Other county averages above $2,500 are Mineral, $3,272; Missoula, $3,148; Musselshell, $3,135; Powell, $2,917; Treasure, $2,914; Rosebud, $2,863; Blaine, $2,800; Custer, $2,777; Glacier, $2,770; Teton, $2,763; Hill, $2,749; Toole, $2,745; Dawson, $2,740; Fergus, $2,724; Granite, $2,707; Carbon, $2,704; McCone, 2,676; Gallatin, $2,667; Daniels, $2,663; Chouteau, $2,636; Valley, $2,614; Richland, $2,592; Big Horn, $2,590; Roosevelt, $2,581; Beaverhead, $2,568; Lake, $2,543; Park, $2,538; Ravalli, $2,537; Petroleum, 2,505. From there the average ranged downward to $1,982 in Carter and $1,900 in Wheatland.

Gain of Eight Percent from Previous Year

For the previous fiscal year the average for the state was $3,037. The increase this year is $250, or 8 percent. High county a year ago was Lincoln with $3,574, followed by Deer Lodge, $3,447; Silver Bow, $3,435; and Flathead, $3,402. At that time Golden Valley registered the low average with $1,445, Beaverhead had $1,747, Garfield $1,885, and wheatland $1,896.

Current Fiscal Year May Establish New Records

Advance indications are that employment during the year ending next June 30 will show substantial increases over the figures tabulated here; at the same time the wage rates and continuity of employment give promise of higher averages in wage and salary disbursements than have obtained in any past year.

Copies of compilations for 1951 and 1950 are available in limited quantity upon request for purposes of study and comparison.

NUMBER OF EMPLOYERS, WAGE-EARNERS, TOTAL OF WAGES, IN MONTA

COUNTY	*POPULATION	COUNTY TOTALS			MINING			CONTRACT CONSTRUCTION			MANUFACTURE	
		Average No. Employers	Average No. Wage Earners	WAGES	Average No. Employers	Average No. Wage Earners	WAGES	Average No. Employers	Average No. Wage Earners	WAGES	Average No. Employers	Average No. Wage Earners
Beaverhead	6,671	195	639	$ 1,640,923	10	34	$ 106,567	21	37	$ 125,092	13	30
Big Horn	9,824	156	608	1,574,454	4	9	32,611	13	35	92,585	5	130
Blaine	8,516	134	561	1,570,659	6	31	142,109	15	63	215,807	4	10
Broadwater	2,922	63	193	456,912	7	7	22,225	6	12	31,927	5	1
Carbon	10,241	193	665	1,798,401	12	188	840,197	14	26	73,296	11	61
Carter	2,798	39	89	176,602	1	3	9,740	3	6	14,203	5	8
Cascade	53,027	1,342	12,301	42,437,622	19	64	224,318	171	1,552	6,511,349	53	2,833
Chouteau	6,974	117	320	843,550	2	2	2,512	7	19	77,503	3	7
Custer	12,661	313	1,917	5,323,370	6	19	61,126	35	206	892,517	12	105
Daniels	3,946	82	269	716,449	1	1	2,292	5	15	42,017	3	6
Dawson	9,092	200	1,198	3,282,267	9	53	246,055	18	160	570,338	6	28
Deer Lodge	16,553	248	4,072	16,340,199	6	956	4,266,783	15	89	311,055	16	2,216
Fallon	3,660	75	183	394,164	.....	.....	.....	8	9	21,552	3	9
Fergus	14,015	337	1,682	4,582,052	14	58	226,721	40	93	287,616	13	270
Flathead	31,495	872	5,742	21,677,804	5	6	16,031	77	1,643	9,478,931	142	1,430
Gallatin	21,902	582	2,818	7,516,887	1	3	5,565	56	201	673,389	37	675
Garfield	2,172	24	59	122,878	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	1	1
Glacier	9,645	278	1,390	3,849,620	62	318	1,217,279	18	115	356,576	3	22
Golden Valley	1,337	15	22	51,902	.....	.....	.....	2	6	19,212	1	1
Granite	2,773	92	287	777,018	18	118	449,243	4	11	30,271	11	29
Hill	14,285	304	1,576	4,332,871	1	6	26,207	39	202	757,804	10	108
Jefferson	4,014	88	229	533,280	15	37	116,418	4	6	13,418	6	27
Judith Basin	3,200	38	95	233,180	.....	.....	.....	3	3	5,283	1	1
Lake	13,835	253	857	2,179,651	1	1	3,828	18	39	120,077	33	310
Lewis & Clark	24,540	712	5,041	16,579,309	14	144	531,942	72	952	4,432,261	45	1,018
Liberty	2,180	50	102	264,892	2	6	16,154	3	4	9,999	1	2
Lincoln	8,693	222	1,965	7,326,426	4	142	671,186	21	61	266,689	68	321
Madison	5,998	136	297	660,688	18	54	199,807	10	16	38,450	4	5
McCone	3,258	50	134	358,634	1	6	40,660	6	10	25,894	1	1
Meagher	2,079	64	283	672,452	1	2	6,033	5	17	74,211	19	151
Mineral	2,081	54	293	958,577	8	29	109,153	4	17	35,706	9	168
Missoula	35,493	874	6,877	21,648,077	5	27	95,538	116	660	2,689,521	67	2,043
Musselshell	5,408	120	697	2,185,216	14	275	1,173,928	7	14	39,228	6	14
Park	11,999	329	1,458	3,701,000	5	22	80,126	28	152	582,590	17	116
Petroleum	1,026	16	38	95,205	1	3	8,338	4	5	20,642	.....	.....
Phillips	6,334	120	386	866,906	.....	.....	.....	7	9	20,223	4	15
Pondera	6,392	154	623	2,047,579	13	94	430,335	13	35	111,391	3	13
Powder River	2,693	45	82	186,601	1	1	2,898	9	15	40,776	3	3
Powell	6,301	140	706	2,059,194	11	235	990,213	10	51	150,119	13	39
Prairie	2,377	41	134	284,651	1	8	38,769	.....	.....	.....	1	3
Ravalli	13,101	249	890	2,257,574	2	2	4,066	17	53	147,276	32	291
Richland	10,366	227	1,068	2,768,717	3	3	8,813	36	99	267,827	7	160
Roosevelt	9,580	236	776	2,003,136	4	26	123,871	19	39	121,530	7	23
Rosebud	6,570	109	454	1,299,659	5	123	621,664	8	16	44,137	6	14
Sanders	6,983	144	934	3,438,889	2	2	8,159	15	189	1,077,948	29	441
Sheridan	6,674	157	494	1,219,694	4	14	37,752	8	23	61,724	3	25
Silver Bow	48,422	1,141	14,351	54,105,426	17	6,609	29,712,305	68	714	3,410,098	47	882
Stillwater	5,416	98	224	537,570	2	12	48,732	6	15	36,262	9	15
Sweet Grass	3,621	79	234	491,654	1	8	28,820	6	7	15,649	5	6
Teton	7,232	172	496	1,370,455	4	65	363,572	24	59	152,065	6	14
Toole	6,867	290	995	2,731,669	91	273	842,236	20	58	142,710	4	42
Treasure	1,402	17	85	247,664	1	19	93,577	1	14	37,415	.....	.....
Valley	11,353	217	927	2,422,844	1	5	12,284	27	141	544,582	5	30
Wheatland	3,187	75	227	451,309	1	15	67,681	2	7	13,840	2	7
Wibaux	1,907	32	101	247,653	.....	.....	.....	3	9	26,924	1	3
Yellowstone	55,875	1,610	12,413	42,186,323	30	413	1,923,081	218	1,339	5,507,962	80	2,011
Statewide (2)		153	11,369	38,202,287	7	11	631,601	44	890	3,908,763	7	525
Fiscal 1952		14,173	102,926	$338,290,645	474	10,562	$ 46,941,121	1,429	10,238	$ 44,776,430	907	17,830
Fiscal 1951		14,295	102,853	$312,401,996	458	10,561	$ 41,470,947	1,442	11,354	$ 42,606,616	927	17,891
Fiscal 1950	*591,024	14,100	98,769	$271,825,306	463	9,483	$ 31,502,931	1,350	9,628	$ 32,911,145	930	17,987
Calendar 1946		9 984	83,189	$173 056,776	402	8,886	$ 25,401,860	652	5,834	$ 13,557,621	651	16,157

* U. S. Census, 1950, includes 58 persons residing in Montana portion of Yellowstone Park.

(1) See "Subdivisions of Major Industrial Groups" on another page of this folder. "Miscellaneous" industrial group includes farm services, forestry, and employment in businesses not elsewhere classified. It is here combined with "Service Industries" because of space limitations.

'ANA'S MAJOR COVERED INDUSTRIES BY COUNTIES, FISCAL YEAR 1952

URD[illegible]	TRANSP., COMMUN., PUBLIC UTILITIES			WHOLESALE & RETAIL TRADE			FINANCE, INSURANCE REAL ESTATE			SERVICE INDUSTRIES AND MISC. (1)		
WAGES	Average No. Employers	Average No. Wage Earners	WAGES	Average No. Employers	Average No. Wage Earners	WAGES	Average No. Employers	Average No. Wage Earners	WAGES	Average No. Employers	Average No. Wage Earners	WAGES
$ 61,131	4	11	$ 18,936	98	385	$ 998,736	8	31	$ 97,576	41	111	$ 232,885
425,746	2	5	13,594	90	313	747,442	12	46	131,682	30	64	130,794
297,609	5	15	49,590	72	256	659,180	7	36	112,309	25	56	94,055
28,839	1	1	160	29	103	249,742	1	6	18,072	14	52	105,947
119,882	6	19	39,299	107	264	501,179	8	20	72,942	35	87	151,696
9,496	3	12	27,340	19	36	62,621	2	6	16,727	6	18	36,475
11,627,039	43	511	1,687,932	582	4,759	15,645,465	136	798	2,528,291	338	1,784	4,213,228
19,008	3	10	33,294	73	206	522,111	7	27	62,878	22	49	126,244
350,525	14	122	459,187	133	959	2,454,911	13	65	210,200	100	441	894,904
11,151	2	6	19,675	51	185	492,444	4	16	62,027	16	40	86,843
89,480	10	42	127,703	99	512	1,277,703	7	43	114,482	51	360	856,506
9,885,780	11	43	175,367	131	485	1,185,668	16	53	113,065	53	230	402,481
22,380	5	5	5,460	39	109	247,287	3	16	40,785	17	35	56,700
870,778	8	69	212,275	156	735	2,065,643	28	124	221,409	78	333	697,610
5,008,608	27	338	1,046,145	355	1,553	4,369,231	46	164	414,932	220	608	1,343,926
2,059,556	25	60	157,517	252	1,153	3,081,442	37	137	337,353	174	589	1,202,065
2,460	1	1	310	12	29	54,758	2	4	6,265	8	25	59,085
70,975	14	96	319,282	113	421	1,101,235	7	31	86,442	61	387	697,831
2,416	2	2	2,904	9	12	24,087	.....	.....	.....	1	1	3,283
68,483	2	3	4,113	39	80	149,717	2	7	18,330	16	39	56,861
339,522	13	95	272,105	156	838	2,249,763	18	74	212,839	67	253	474,631
60,595	8	32	103,802	37	74	144,516	1	6	25,774	17	47	68,757
939	1	1	280	28	76	180,205	2	8	35,655	3	6	10,818
998,433	9	15	22,174	131	344	731,575	15	38	92,509	46	110	211,055
3,850,050	17	100	310,432	301	1,481	4,012,554	70	580	1,662,820	193	766	1,779,250
[illegible]3,789	3	3	4,118	28	61	147,343	3	5	14,742	10	21	68,747
[illegible]9,034	9	46	127,365	79	293	687,213	4	14	35,251	37	88	169,688
12,933	7	12	18,484	63	135	271,803	3	10	27,705	31	65	91,506
1,877	2	24	75,931	28	55	116,027	2	5	18,003	10	33	80,242
354,953	3	34	79,256	26	55	103,705	2	6	17,283	8	18	37,013
679,160	1	3	5,740	20	55	88,277	.....	.....	.....	12	21	40,541
7,597,273	26	190	525,896	361	2,481	7,286,602	56	221	543,127	243	1,255	2,910,120
30,406	3	20	51,747	62	202	480,232	6	16	52,330	22	156	357,345
359,318	9	47	146,308	170	646	1,523,538	21	72	174,967	79	403	834,153
.....	2	3	4,730	6	12	20,755	.....	.....	.....	3	15	40,740
43,208	2	4	8,681	74	252	607,366	8	23	50,886	25	83	136,542
43,254	3	3	6,334	88	365	1,175,909	9	59	151,623	25	54	128,733
5,311	3	7	18,733	21	39	82,553	2	8	20,979	6	9	15,351
95,575	3	13	35,728	62	222	480,642	10	33	70,718	31	113	236,199
6,254	2	2	3,751	27	90	182,033	2	11	32,611	8	20	21,233
905,235	10	30	68,859	123	343	803,666	13	47	144,539	52	124	183,933
546,341	7	23	72,499	107	522	1,338,317	13	52	149,465	54	209	385,455
46,679	11	37	77,066	129	439	1,172,589	11	45	136,239	55	167	325,162
26,029	5	28	57,957	52	149	286,291	6	22	58,358	27	102	205,223
1,622,522	1	1	967	60	165	306,745	9	35	82,610	28	101	339,938
60,959	8	35	116,579	98	309	749,077	8	20	64,030	28	68	129,573
3,313,525	30	317	1,043,389	593	3,843	11,753,605	85	510	1,483,305	301	1,476	3,389,199
26,653	4	20	65,086	50	106	241,883	3	15	49,995	24	41	68,959
11,999	6	28	63,511	45	139	281,830	4	18	39,381	12	28	50,464
32,405	7	30	72,427	89	230	560,621	8	22	62,417	34	76	126,948
226,300	14	64	201,189	102	340	841,667	5	27	87,057	54	191	390,510
.....	3	10	22,054	10	38	84,323	1	3	9,219	1	1	1,076
73,511	8	59	154,299	120	483	1,193,468	11	45	130,322	45	164	314,378
13,311	3	10	14,283	47	137	228,237	4	13	36,758	16	38	77,199
3,240	2	8	28,018	19	62	147,352	3	12	31,913	4	7	10,206
7,990,942	56	977	3,579,151	694	5,130	16,476,949	144	663	1,966,453	388	1,880	4,741,785
2,097,435	12	4 832	17,206,826	64	4,825	13,786,453	4	17	58,115	15	269	513 094
67,880,312	501	8,534	$ 29.065,838	6,629	37,591	$106,716,286	912	4,385	$ 12.495,763	3,320	13.787	$ 30,415,095
62,771.829	509	8,053	$ 25,977,075	6.822	37,501	$100,839,529	756	4,102	$ 11,140.857	3,381	13,391	$ 27,595,146
55,307,256	512	7,626	$ 22,747,787	6,450	36,399	$ 92,195.481	823	3.804	$ 9.745.316	3,572	13.842	$ 27.415 390
[illegible]856,981	361	6,446	$ 15,073.888	4,932	31,876	$ 58.886,233	707	3,205	$ 6.322.973	2.279	10.785	$ 15.857 190

(2) Statewide employers are those whose operations are not ascribed to an individual county. This includes firms with units or operations organized on a multi-county pattern and reporting as a single enterprise. Also included are some employers whose base operations shift from one location to another, such as construction contractors. Wages and employment of such concerns represent approximately 11 percent of the state total. In a factual sense this category affects the employment economy of all Montana counties, proportionately to such factors as their population, commercial and industrial pattern, utilities represented, and volume of construction.

Location of Offices of Montana State Employment Service

Office	Address	Office	Address
Anaconda	117 Main Street	Helena	515 North Main Street
Billings	2909 Montana Avenue	Kalispell	126 First Avenue East
Bozeman	28 South Black Avenue	Lewistown	215 Third Avenue North
Butte	30 West Granite Street	Libby	Libby Hotel Building
Columbia Falls	Nucleus Avenue	Livingston	123 East Callendar
Cut Bank	Wilkins Block	Malta	516 Cosner Street
Dillon	19 Telephone Building	Miles City	507 Main Street
Forsyth	1091 Main Street	Missoula	230 West Pine
Fort Benton	1419 Main Street	Polson	8 Third Avenue West
Glasgow	209 Fifth Street South	Roundup	Pappas and Loucas Bldg.
Glendive	City Hall Building	Shelby	110 Division Street
Great Falls	1201 Central Avenue	Sidney	116 South Central Avenue
Hamilton	333 Main Street	Thompson Falls	Bank Building
Havre	431 First Street	Wolf Point	107 Third Avenue South

Subdivisions of Major Industrial Groups

Major industries as presented in this compilation are classified in accordance with the Standard Industrial Classification Manual. Subdivisions of these major groups operating in Montana and subject to Montana laws on unemployment insurance are listed below.

Mining—
- Metal mining
- Coal Mining
- Petroleum and Gas Production
- Nonmetallic Mining, quarrying

Contract Construction—
- Building
- Other Than Building
- Special Trade

Manufacturing—
- Ordnance and Accessories
- Food and Kindred Products
- Textile Mill Products
- Apparel, from Fabrics
- Lumber and Wood, Primary
- Furniture and Fixtures
- Printing and Publishing
- Chemicals
- Petroleum, Coal Products
- Leather and Products
- Stone, Clay, Glass, etc.
- Primary Metals Industries
- Fabricated Metal Products
- Machinery
- Transportation Equipment
- Scientific Instruments
- Misc. Mfg. Industries

Transportation, Communications, Public Utilities—
- Local Railways, Bus Lines
- Trucking and Warehousing
- Other Transportation
- Communication, Wire and Other
- Utilities, Electric and Gas
- Other Service Utilities

Wholesale and Retail Trade—
- Full-Service Wholesalers
- Other Wholesale Distributors
- Wholesale and Retail (Combinations)
- General Merchandise
- Food and Liquor Stores
- Automotive
- Apparel and Accessories
- Retail Trade not elsewhere classified
- Eating and Drinking Places
- Filling Stations

Finance, Insurance, Real Estate—
- Banks and Trusts
- Security Dealers, Investments
- Finance Agencies not elsewhere classified
- Insurance Carriers
- Insurance Agents
- Real Estate, Loans, Etc.
- Holding Companies (except real estate)

Service Industries—
- Hotels, Rooming Houses, Camps
- Personal Services
- Non-personal Services
- Trade Schools, etc.
- Auto Repair and Garages
- Hand Repair Trades
- Motion Pictures
- Amusement, Recreation
- Medical and Health
- Law Offices
- Educational Institutions
- Professional and Social
- Non-profit Membership Organizations

Miscellaneous—
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- Forestry
- Not Elsewhere Classified

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